



# Iowa Board of Nursing

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Protecting & Improving  
the Health of Iowans



The mission of the Iowa Board of Nursing is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare by regulating the licensure of nurses, the practice of nurses, nursing education and continuing education.

The Iowa Board of Nursing strives to maintain the health, safety and welfare of all Iowans by licensing qualified and competent nurses.

The Board investigates complaints against nurses to ensure the protection of the public. Thirty-six percent of complaints filed result in formal discipline. The Board's annual report, a statistical tabulation of licensure and enforcement activities, is available at the board's website at <https://nursing.iowa.gov>.

**Did you know?** There are over 64,000 licensed nurses in Iowa.

## Why is the Iowa Board of Nursing important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- Iowans deserve care from qualified professionals.
- Iowans deserve protection from care that does not meet standards, including timely investigations of complaints about nursing practice, and discipline of nurses who are found to have violated the law.

## Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

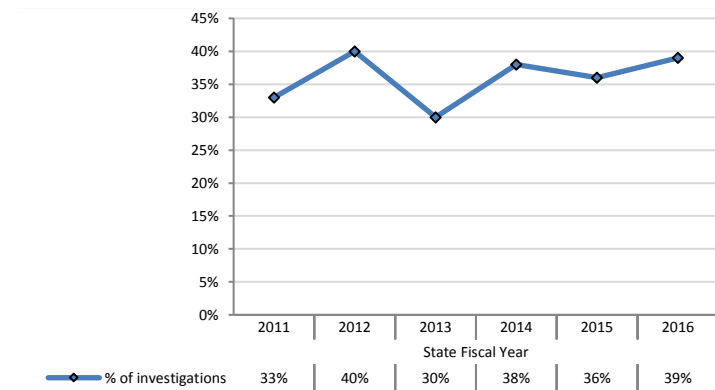
Strengthen the health infrastructure

## What do we do?

- License nurses who meet requirements.
- Approve nursing education programs.
- Approve continuing education providers.
- Promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the mandate of the laws.
- Carry out the Iowa Nurse Assistance Program.
- Investigate complaints and monitor disciplined licensees.
- Discipline nurses whose practice is out of compliance with Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code.
- Conduct continuing education audits.
- Maintain licensee records.
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate nursing workforce data.

## How do we measure our progress?

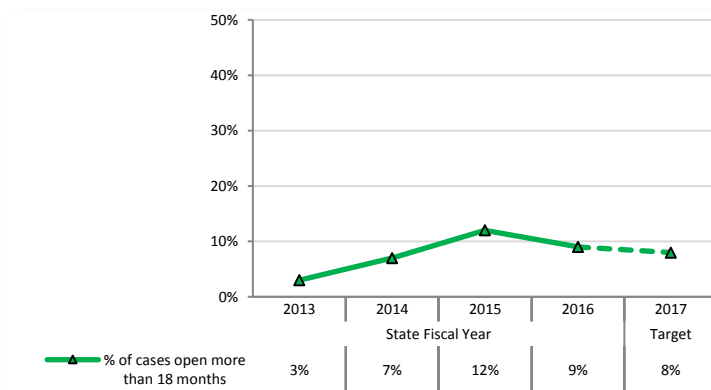
### ① Percent of investigations resulting in formal discipline.



Data Source: Iowa Board of Nursing Database.

**How are we doing?** Out of 764 complaints filed in state fiscal year 2016, 298 resulted in formal discipline.

### ② Percent of closed cases that were open for more than 18 months.



Data Source: Iowa Board of Nursing Database.

**How are we doing?** The percentage has decreased in Fiscal Year 2016. The enforcement unit had no vacancies during Fiscal Year 2016. The number of advanced practice cases, and cases kept open by ongoing litigation take a longer investigation period.

## What can Iowans do to help?

1. Iowans and employers may contact the Iowa Nursing Board for information regarding discipline history or may retrieve discipline documents through our website <https://nursing.iowa.gov>.
2. Iowans may report nurses whose practice does not appear to meet standards of care by calling 515-281-3255, emailing [enforce@iowa.gov](mailto:enforce@iowa.gov) or completing a complaint form at our website <https://nursing.iowa.gov>.
3. Iowa nurses are required to report other nurses whose practice does not meet standards of care.

## Expenditures

Retained fees\*: K19-2082

	State Fiscal Year 2015 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Estimate
State funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other funds*	\$2,872,413	\$2,887,483	\$4,753,000
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$2,872,413</b>	<b>\$2,887,483</b>	<b>\$4,753,000</b>
FTEs	21.48	21.70	22.60

**Note:** Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.